

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of

**GRETCHEN VAN MAREN, M.D.**

Holder of License No. 21135  
For the Practice of Medicine  
In the State of Arizona.

**License Renewal 2001 & 2002**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR  
PRACTICE LIMITATION  
(Non-Disciplinary)**

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT**

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") and Gretchen Van Maren, M.D. ("Respondent") the parties agree to the following disposition of this matter.

1. Respondent acknowledges that she has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order. Respondent acknowledges that she understands she has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter and has done so or chooses not to do so.

2. Respondent understands that by entering into this Consent Agreement for the issuance of the foregoing Order, she voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Consent Agreement and the Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Order.

3. Respondent acknowledges and understands that this Consent Agreement and the Order will not become effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.

1           4. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this  
2 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving  
3 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended  
4 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government  
5 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or  
6 any other state or federal court.

7           5. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, although said Consent  
8 Agreement and Order has not yet been accepted by the Board and issued by the  
9 Executive Director, Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Upon  
10 signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's  
11 Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke acceptance of the Consent Agreement  
12 and Order. Any modifications to this Consent Agreement and Order are ineffective and  
13 void unless mutually approved by the parties.

14           6. Respondent further understands that this Consent Agreement and Order,  
15 once approved and signed, shall constitute a public record document that may be publicly  
16 disseminated as a formal action of the Board and reported to the National Practitioner's  
17 Data Bank. However, this Consent Agreement and Order will not be reported on the  
18 Board of Medical Examiners website.

19           7. If any part of the Consent Agreement and Order is later declared void or  
20 otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain in force  
21 and effect.

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23 Gretchen Van Maren MD  
24 Gretchen Van Maren, M.D.  
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Dated: 2/6/02

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2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 21135 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

4. As an explanation of her answer, Respondent attached a letter explaining that she had been diagnosed with reflex sympathetic dystrophy, a physical condition, which impairs her ability to safely engage in the practice of some types of clinical medicine.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

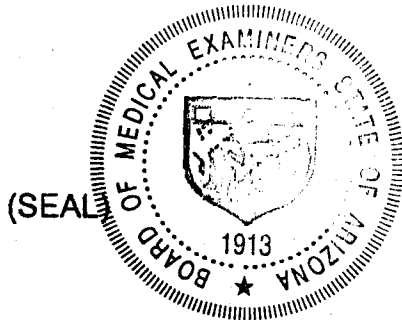
2. The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a consent agreement with a physician to limit or restrict the doctor's practice or to rehabilitate the physician, protect the public and ensure the physician's ability to safely engage in the practice of medicine. A.R.S. § 32-1451(F).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent's practice is limited in that she shall not practice clinical medicine or any medicine involving direct patient care, and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment, including prescriptions medications, to

any patient, until she applies to the Board and receives the Board's affirmative approval to return to unlimited practice. The Board may require any combination of staff approved physical examination, psychiatric and/or psychological evaluations it finds necessary to assist in determining whether Respondent is able to safely engage in the practice of medicine.

2. The Board retains jurisdiction and may initiate new action based on any violation of this order.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002.



BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

By Claudia Foutz  
CLAUDIA FOUTZ  
Executive Director

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this  
13<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2002 with:

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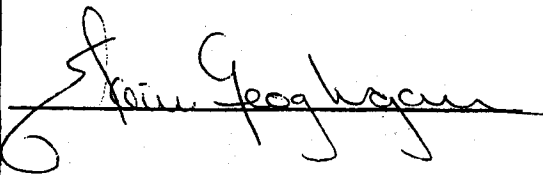
EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by  
Certified Mail this 13<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2002 to:

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EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing  
hand-delivered to each of the following  
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2002, to:

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